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SUBJECT: UNEP GC/III, ARID LANDS STUDIES

1. JACK JOHNSON (UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA) U.S. OBSERVER TO RECENT UNEP-SPONSORED REGIONAL MEETING IN TEHRAN ON DE-DESERTIZATION AND ARID LAND ECOLOGY, REPORTED SESSION ESSENTIALLY DUPLICATED FEBRUARY 1974 UNEP-SCOPE MEETING IN NAIROBI; INCLUDED MANY OF SAME PARTICIPANTS;AND DEVELOPED SIMILAR LONG SHOPPING LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION WITH NO DESIGNATION OF PRIORITIES OR WHO SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTING AGENTS AND WAS REplete WITH CALLS FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF MISCELLANEOUS SEMINARS, MEETINGS AND EXPERT PANELS. HE QUESTIONED VALUE OF CONTINUEDSTREAM OF DISCUSSION SESSIONS UNDER UNEP AUSPICES WHICH MERELY RE-DEFINE THE PROBLEMS, RECOMMEND THE SAME GENERALIZED

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SOLUTIONS, AND CONTINUE TO AVOID THE DIFFICULTBUTIMPERA-

TIVE TASK OF SOLVING THE PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD. JOHNSON FEELS UNEP CREDIBILITY AND REPUTATION DAMAGED BY SPONSORSHIP OF DUPLICATIVE MEETINGS SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED AS COORDINATING BODY, AND ALSO THAT UNEP SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATES DIFFICULTY OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING USEFUL MEETINGS. FURTHER, THAT IT WILL BE

DIFFICULT TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN BASE OF U.S. SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT FOR UNEP PROGRAMS IF EXPERTS COME AWAY FROM SESSIONS LIKE THIS DISAPPOINTED IN PAYOFF. (RECENT ENERGY MEETING IN NEW YORK REINFORCES LATTER POINT.)

2. THESE VIEWS FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE U.S. PERSPECTIVE ON THRUST AND IMPACT OF UNEP PROGRAMMING ALREADY CONVEYED IN HERTER SPEECH AND U.S. DELEGATION MAY WISH TO INFORMALLY COMMUNICATE THEM TO UNEP SECRETARIAT FOR ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS. KISSINGER

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